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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIPE

SUBJECT : Intelligence Planning Guidance for the 1970s

1. At Tab A is the study, subject as above, which I prepared in response to conversations between Mr. Bross and Mr. Helms. The document was approved by the DCI on 24 August. Both an all-source version (which is at Tab A) and a Top Secret version have been disseminated to all participants in the USIB, to Assistant Secretary of Defense Froehle and to all USIB committee chairmen. The Top Secret version was provided to the CIA Office of Training, where it is being used as a text for the Advanced Intelligence Course.

2. The study includes a "Summary of Proposed Actions", current status of which is as follows:

a. The problem of drafting a statement of national intelligence objectives and priorities in sufficient detail and comprehensiveness as to provide operating guidance to intelligence program managers and planners has been assigned to a working group, of which I am chairman. First meeting of the group is scheduled for 1 December.

b. Preparation of recommendations for a more systematic means of interface between policy guidance and intelligence programming has been deferred pending accomplishment of the task outlined in a above.

c. The task of developing proposals for improving the coordination of research and development on intelligence collection and processing systems also has been deferred.

d. A comprehensive analysis of the expected role of HUMINT in the coming decade has been assigned to a working group directed by Mr. Parrott. This study already is under way.

e. The USIB SIGINT Committee is conducting a review of policies [REDACTED]

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f. Preliminary work has been started on an analysis of the pattern of U.S. intelligence resource allocation to problems in the free world, but further action is awaiting compilation of the new Consolidated Intelligence Resource Information System (CIRIS), which is expected to provide basis for more definitive examination of the problem than is now possible.

g. Exploration of the feasibility of "modeling" future overseas deployments of U.S. intelligence efforts to assess whether models of alternative dispositions and resource allocations could facilitate the tasks of program planners and managers has not yet been undertaken.

h. The proposed effort to assemble an intelligence systems capability inventory for use as a complement to the CIRIS is not yet an active project.

i. An assessment of the current adequacy of the exploitation of unclassified materials by the various elements of U.S. intelligence is under way. Preliminary data has been assembled and [REDACTED] has responsibility for the project.

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j. The proposal that the Department of Defense be requested to prepare a study of the overall intelligence resource implications of the various contingency plans drawn up by the Unified and Specified and Component Commands in response to JCS directives has been deferred pending clear indication as to which recommendations of the Fitzhugh Blue Ribbon Panel report on the Defense Department are going to be implemented. Some of these recommendations would markedly alter the existing command organization and cause a realignment of planning responsibilities.

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